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This is an information disclosure statement submitted in compliance with the timing requirements of 37 CFR § 1.97(d), i.e., after the mailing date of a Notice of Allowance, but before payment of the Issue Fee. Also, please find enclosed the requisite fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p).

Listed for consideration on the attached form PTO-1449 is a US patent application publication, which was first cited in the attached Office Action (English-language translation is attached) issued on April 4, 2008, by the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China, in connection with the corresponding Chinese patent application No. 200580001557.6. Any relevance of this US patent application publication is self-evident.

It is brought to the Examiner's attention that the documents number US 2002/0180041 and US 6,441,500, which were also cited in the aforementioned Office Action, are not being listed on the attached form PTO-1449 since they were already previously listed on the form PTO-1449 submitted with the IDS filed on March 28, 2006, with the filing of the above-referenced application.

It is hereby certified that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in connection with a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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Consideration of the listed document is respectfully requested.

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